GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HAWALA CASES IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Hawala cases increasing in the State of Kerala

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b) Details of hawala cases taken up for investigation under the provisions of Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA) during the last three years in Kerala, are as under:

Year	Number of Cases	Amount in Indian currency seized (In Rs. Lakhs)
2004	29	12.90
2005	202	164.97
2006	146	106.44
2007	74	234.05

(up to 31.7.2007)

c) Constant preventive vigil is maintained to check Hawala. Appropriate action under FEMA 1999, is taken against those who contravene the provisions of Law.